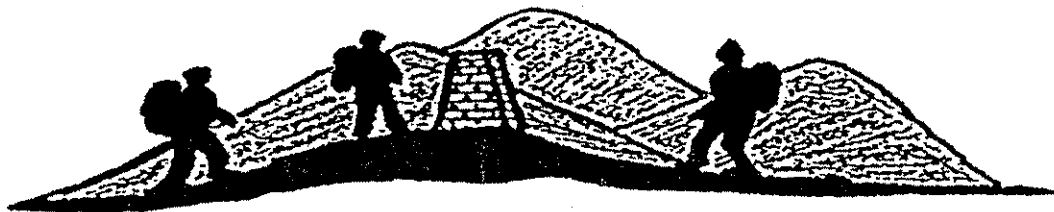


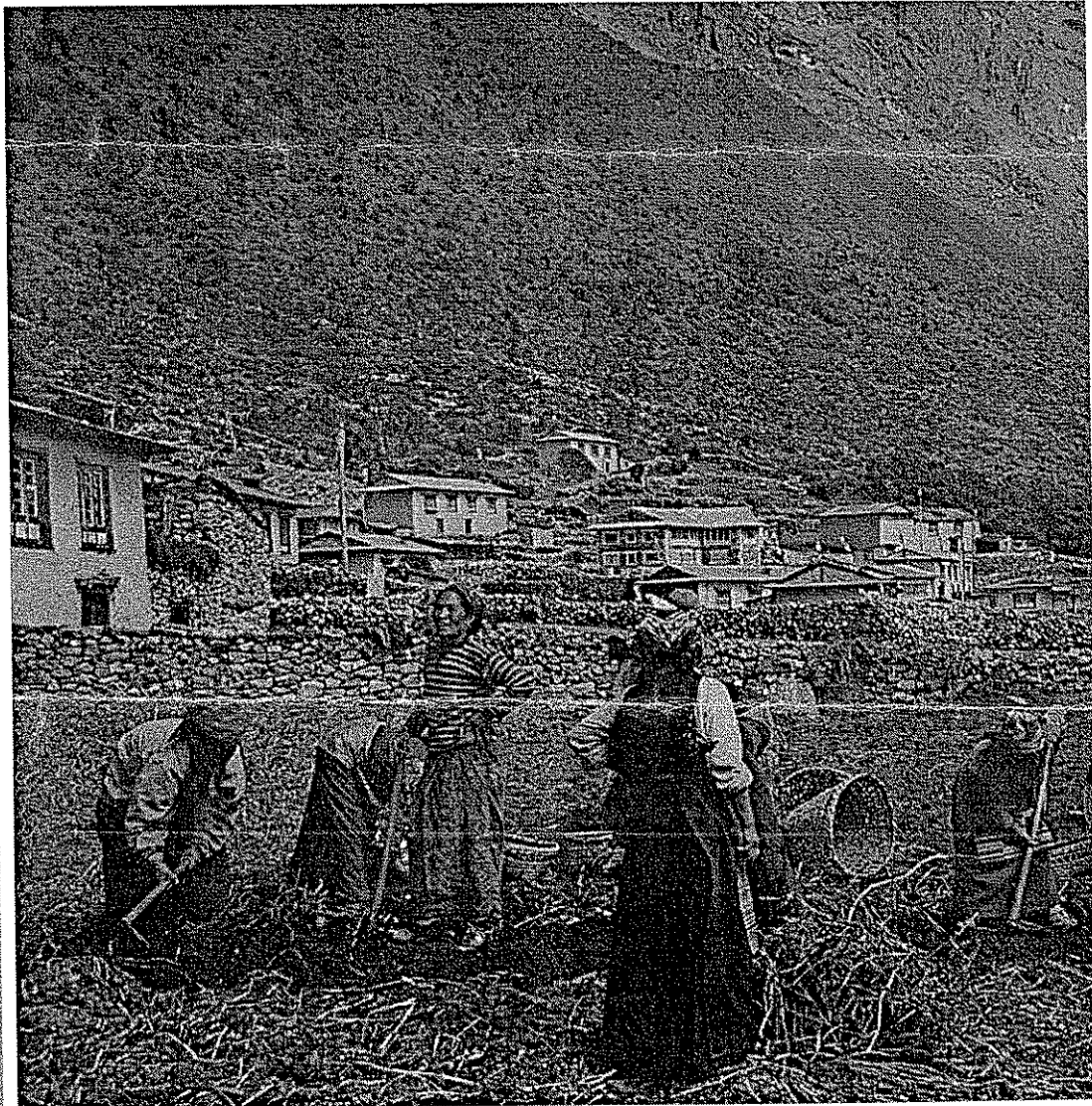
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Sunday Hikes May

MEET: Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay
DEPART: Sundays 10.00 A.M. (or when the bus is full)
COST: Private bus. £5.00 (unless otherwise stated)



NOTE: The leader has the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped (*i.e. without adequate rainwear, spare clothes, food, torch and hiking boots*). The leader has the right to extend, curtail or alter the route from that described in the program. The leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to obey his/her instructions at all times.

  During winter months it is essential to bring a (head) torch on all Sunday hikes and weekends away. Don't forget to check your batteries and bulb.

Date	Route Description	Leader
May 7	Introductory Hard Hike Gilberts Bridge – Toberlownagh – Croghan Mtn – Woodenbridge (OS Sheet 62)	Frank Rooney
May 12-14	Special Killarney Weekend See <i>Weekend</i> section in programme.	
May 2	J.B. Malone Memorial Walk <i>Route (1):</i> Ballinstoe Wood (G.R. 169074) – The Bar Memorial – White Hill – Djouce – Coffin Stone – War Hill – Tonduffs – Maulin – Crone Wood – Knockree Y.H. <i>Route (2):</i> Ballinstoe – The Bar Memorial – White Hill – Powerscourt Paddock (via Wicklow Way Route) – Glensoulan – Waterfall View track to Crone Wood – Knockree Y.H. Please Note: Club Leaders will be expected to assist with the above walks. Sean Dunne and team will provide the catering (tea and light refreshments) at Knockree. There will be one shuttle bus from Enniskerry at 11.45 am approx. This is in addition to the normal bus from town at	Leader in charge: Martin Fagan
May 28	Six Hills to Glencree Route: Stone Cross – Slievebawnoge – Ballymorefinn – Seaham – Corrig – Seefingan – Kippure – Lough Brays – Glencree Valley.	Proinnsias Mac AnBheatha
June 2-5	June Bankholiday Weekend to Ball Hill Y.H. Co Donegal See <i>Weekend</i> section for details.	Tony Crean & Gary Byrne

Your club membership card **MUST** be carried and produced, if requested on all Sunday hikes. Numbered tickets will be given out on the quays by a committee member. People with a valid membership card and ticket will be given preference on the bus.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY NOTE

Mountaineering is an activity with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks. People who take part in our club activities do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own actions and involvement.

The Committee requests that anyone who is on medication or with a medical condition inform the leader before the start of the hike.

LITTER

Litter is unsightly and dangerous to animals. Even bio-degradable items like orange peels and banana skins take years to disappear. Bring all your litter home and try to include at least one extra item from each day out. Do not bury litter – animals will dig it up.

WALKING STICKS

In the interest of safety and comfort please keep the pointed end of your walking stick covered, especially when travelling on the bus.

Young Hillwalkers Club

Meet: Maguire's Bar, O'Connell Bridge
Time: 8.45 a.m.
Bring: Packed lunch, wed weather gear, torch.
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), hat and gloves.



MAY HIKE

Date: Saturday 13 May 2000
Route: Maulin and Crone

ADVENTURE WEEKEND AWAY

Date: 16th – 18th June
Location: Camping Trip

For further information about our Club, please phone the An Óige Office at 01-8304555

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Joe Kellegher, John Guy, Martina Seifert who all passed the Mountain Leadership assessment on the May Bank Holiday Weekend. The assessment took place in Donegal. The weather was terrible on Saturday but good the other 2 days and all went well for Joe, John and Martina.

Special hikes outside Wicklow

Here are some dates for you diary:
25 June – Sunday hike in the Blackstairs Mountains
16 July – Sunday hike in the Slieve Bloom Mountains
20 August – Sunday hike in the Cooley Mountains

Weekends Away

June Bank Holiday Weekend

To Ball Hill, Co. Donegal
Booking now open in An Oige Head Office.
Leaders Tony Crean and Gary Byrne

August Bank Holiday Weekend

To Cong, Co Mayo.
Details next month.

Thanks to Frankie Comerford, Ita O'Hanlon, Pearse Foley and Steve James for their help to Martin Fagan over the Easter Weekend to Ballydavid Wood.

MCI News Bulletin

Old Boots for a good cause

Michael Gibbons and Patricia Dunford are currently housing a multinational and multiethnic group of refugees in Clifden. The refugees only get £15 a week. Some wish to join the local club – Na Beanna Beola but do not have walking boots. If you have an old (or not so old) pair of walking boots (sizes 5 – 11 men's or women's) please get in touch with tem at: <walkwest@indigo.ie>. They will cover the cost of postage.

Change of venue for May Council Meet

To celebrate it's 25th year, Cork Mountaineering Club will host the Spring Meet of the Mountaineering Council of Ireland, on Saturday 13th May, 2000 at 7.00 pm. The venue has been moved to the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry, Co Cork. Accommodation I the Westlodge is £30 pps for one night and £50 pps for two nights. There will be a choice of four graded walks – departing Westlodge Hotel between 9.30 am and 10.30 pm on the Saturday. Dinner and entertainment o the Saturday night will cost £15 which must be booked by from either Mary Buckley, 33 Palmbury, Togher, Cork, or: Siobhan O'Sullivan, 19 Castlehill, Cork Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork.

Tiglin Brochure 2000

The Tiglin Brochure for the year 2000 is now available from <mail@tiglin.com>

Travel Discounts for MCI members

Irish Ferries are now offering a discount to MCI members of 10% off tickets on their Irish Sea Services (Dublin/Holyhead, Rosslare/Pembroke and Dublin Swift, Fast Ferry). When making reservations members should quote Reference CO58. Tickets can be obtained direct form Irish Ferries by ringing the Low Call Number 1890 31 31 31. Irish Ferries require that a current MCI membership card signed by the member be produced when claiming the discount.

Ring if Imaal Long Distance Walk

This year the Ring of Imaal Long Distance Walk organised by An Oige will take place on 17 June.

About 10 people are needed to 'man' checkpoints and also for the roll-up. Please ring Martin Fagan (number on the back page) if you are interested in helping out with either of these jobs.

Holidays abroad

Poland 2000

A final meeting for those going on the Poland 2000 holiday (organised by Martin Fagan) in An Oige Head Office on 11 May 2000, at 8.30 p.m.

Final payment is due on the night.

Snowdonia June Bank Holiday Weekend

Depart: Friday 2nd June at 7.30 pm. The bus leaves from An Oige, 61 Mountjoy St. (bus travels on ferry).
Arrive: Snowdon Ranger YH at midnight (approx.).
Arrive: Dublin at 9.00 pm on Monday 5th June 2000.
Food: All meals are cooked to a very high standard. Breakfast, substantial packed lunch, and evening meal (including vegetarian option).
Hikes: Easy, moderate and hard each day.
Cost: £140. This includes all transport, accommodation and full board.
Booking: An Oige Head Office, tel. 01-8304555.
Leaders: Sean Dunne and Dave Rooney.

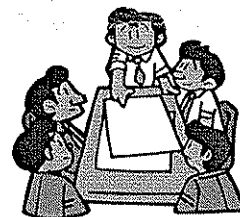
Membership Fees

The Hillwalkers Club annual membership fee is £15.

Fees should be sent to the membership secretary at the following address:
Mr. Ger Walsh, 15 Summerfield Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The Committee

Chairperson:	Martin Fagan (01-8553653 h)
Secretary:	Donal Finn (01-4530617 h)
Treasurer:	Prionsias MacAnBheatha (01-8379897 h)
Editor:	Maggie Greaney (01-2834253 h)
Sunday Hikes:	Jim Barry (01-4556455 h)
Weekends/Holidays:	Martin Fagan
Membership Secretary:	Gerry Walshe (01-8225818 h)
Training Officer:	Joe Kellegher (01-8381973 h)
Young Hillwalkers:	Dave Rooney (01-8344811)



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Committee Meeting

The next Hillwalkers Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 May 2000, at 8.00 p.m.

Walking Festivals

Sperrins Walking Festival 2000 6th – 12th August. Contact Sperrin Ireland Ltd., 2 Churchill Lane, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland, tel. (0801) 028 79 300050

A Note from the Editor

During 2000 all articles published in *The Hillwalker* will be entered in a competition under the categories of holidays/weekends abroad and holidays/weekends at home. Prizes will be awarded at the 2000 Christmas Party so please put pen to paper and send your articles or items of interest to the address below for inclusion in the newsletter. If possible the articles should be typed or in electronic form and should be a maximum of 500 words. A stamped and addressed envelope should accompany any photographs or articles to ensure their return.



Articles for inclusion in the June newsletter should be sent before Wednesday 17 May to:
Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
(e-mail: maggieg@tinet.ie)

Accommodation Schedule for Coast to Coast

11 May – 24 May 2000

Thursday 11 May 2000

Stone House Farm (Carol)
St Bees Tel: 00 44 1946 822224 (Booked)

Friday 12 May 2000

Ennerdale Youth Hostel (Booked)
Tel: 00 44 1946 861237

Saturday 13 May 2000

Borrowdale Youth Hostel (Booked)
Tel: 0044 17687 77257 Fax: 00 44 17687 77393

Sunday 14 May 2000

Patterdale Youth Hostel (Booked)
Tel: 00 44 17684 82394 Fax: 00 44 17684 82034

Monday 15 May 2000

New Ing Farm – Shap (Mrs Tracey Jackson) 1st B&B as you hit village from
Patterdale (Booked)
(1 x 4 bed room, 1 x twin, 1 x double) £16 per person sharing
Phone in advance if packed lunch is required.
Tel: 00 44 1931 716661

Tuesday 16 May 2000

Mrs Cathy Prime, Redmayne House, Kirby Stephen (Booked)
Into Market Square, go North from Market Square, 1st Left up Silver St and Redmayne
House is 3 storey Georgian House facing you.
(3 x twin, 1 x single) £16 per person sharing
Tel: 00 44 17683 71793

Wednesday 17 May 2000

Keld (Mrs and Mrs David Cox) £16 per person. Evening Meal £9 (Booked)
Tel: 00 44 1748 886495

Thursday 18 May 2000

Ms Highmoor

(Near Buck Hotel – next to Buck Petrol Pumps, a little further on Arkengarthdale Road.
1st B&B on Right). (1 x twin and 1 x double) £16 per person (Booked)

Tel: 00 44 1748 884358

Friday 19 May 2000

Richmond – Gibson West Cottage, Victoria Road, Richmond (Brenda) (Booked)
(1 x double and 1 x twin)

Tel: 00 44 1748 824046

Saturday 20 May 2000

Richmond – as above

1 x twin for 19/20 May 2000

Ms Cath Teeley, 43 Reeth Road, Richmond

Tel: 01748 824783

Sunday 21 May 2000

North York Moors Adventure Centre

Ms Hazel Bennett, Park House, Ingleby Cross, Northallerton, Nth Yorkshire DL6 3PE
Dormitory Style (£15 B&B) £10 deposit (Booked)

Tel: 01609 882571

Monday 22 May 2000

Mrs Noble, No 4 Manor Grove, Great Broughton, Middlesborough, Cleveland

(2 x single, 1 x twin) (£17 B&B) (Booked)

Phone once we get to village and Mrs Noble will collect us.

Tel: 01642 712291

Mendhips, 139A High St, Great Broughton

(1 x twin) (£17 B&B) (Booked)

Tuesday 23 May 2000

Glaisdale

Mrs Turner, Broad Acres, High Terrace, Glaisdale

(2 x single 1 x double 1 x double) £16 B&B (Booked)

Into Glaisdale keep on top track until you come to road through village to right you will see Village Hall B&B located between row of terraced houses (not visible from road)

Tel: 01947 897366

Mr T Spashett, Red House Farm, Glaisdale, Whitby Nth Yorkshire, YR21 2PZ

Grid Ref: NX772 049

(Deposit required £20)

Tel: 01947 897242

1 x twin (22.50 B&B)

(Booked)

Wednesday 24 May 2000

Mrs Luker, Meadowfield, Mount Pleasant North, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, YO22 4RE

(1 x twin £20, 1 x double £25, 1 x single £25, 1 x sm double £25, 1 x double £25)

(£60 deposit required)

(Booked)

Tel: 00 44 1947 880564